

### Mouth-Mud.

A converted Hindoo, on being assailed with a torrent of profane words by his idolatrous neighbours, went up to them, and asked,—

"Which is worse, the abusive terms that you are just using, or the mud and dirt that you see lying on yon dunghill?"

"The abusive terms was the reply."

"And would you ever take into your mouths that mud and dirt?"

"Never."

"Then why do you fill your mouths with the abusive terms, which you confess to be the worst of the two?"

Confounded with this rebuke they retired, saying, that "the argument was beautiful."

**THE POWER OF CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE.**—Rev. H. H. Jessup, of the Syrian Mission, furnishes the following narrative which appears in the *Missionary Herald* for May:

"I have been frequently comforted, during the past week, by the spirit and conduct of a dear young native brother from Bano, near Tripoli. He belongs to an aristocratic Greek family, and has come out boldly on the Lord's side, amidst the opposition and hatred and persecution of the whole family. His brother in Beirut, who is his partner in business, sent for him to come here, to answer for his defection from the faith. On his arrival he said, 'My brother, you are older than I am; command what you will in business matters and I will obey; but in religion, I will obey none but Christ, though I lose all things.'"

His brother's wife entreated him to return, saying that she "believed as her father and grandfather did, and if they went to perdition she wished to go too; the family ought to stand by one another." He replied to this: "How can you speak thus when Christ has died for you? My sister, I love him because he loved me, and I must obey him. O how much he loved me! Even if I knew that heaven were full, and there were no room for me, I should still love him, and live for his honor and glory."

Several of the ablest in controversy of the Greeks in Beirut, were invited by his brother to call, that they might convince him of his errors. After expending all their strength upon him they retired, having produced no impression. After their departure he said to his brother, "You brought them here and all their arguments have not affected my mind. But even should they be able to bring sophistical arguments which I cannot answer, I should not be troubled. I have an inward experience of the love of Christ, which can never be shaken or removed."

After exhausting argument and intimidation, they began to lament over his fall into Protestant heresy. All one night he was kept awake by their weeping over him; and he said to me, "Threats I can bear; arguments do not shake me; but the hardest thing to bear is the persecution of tears. Poor things, they think I am lost, and in their ignorance they weep over me. It almost breaks my heart to hear them; but not even for this can I leave Christ."

At another time he said, "They gave out word in Bano that I was summoned to Beirut, and that I would surely return to the old faith again. I thank God that he has helped me to stand firm for their sakes. There are many enlightened in the Bano, and should I go back they would all be discouraged. No, even if my own soul were not worth saving, I would cling to Christ in order to bring them to him also."

You may well believe that such language sounds sweet and refreshing to the heart of a missionary. Such love to Christ, and steadfast faith amid persecution, remind one of the early days of Christianity. How uniform is Christian experience in all ages and in all lands!

### NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, &c.

*Arrears for the Record should all be paid up during the meeting of Synod. We hope that ministers, and agents, in general will bear this in mind.*

The Presbytery of Pictou will meet in John Knox's Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, 13th June, at 11 o'clock. Sessions are required to forward by that time commissions of their Synod Elders.

GEORGE PATTERSON, *Pby. Clerk.*

The committee on bills and overtures will meet at James' Cottage, New Glasgow, on Monday, 12th June, at 11 o'clock. All papers to be laid before Synod are required to be forwarded previous to that date.

JAMES BAYNE, *Convener.*

The Treasurer of the Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund P.C.L.P. acknowledges receipt of the following sums:—

Mrs. Crockett, Antigonish.....	\$2.00
William Crockett ".....	1.00
David Grant ".....	0.25
George Pushie, Antigonish.....	10.00
James Robb ".....	2.50
Doctor Hattie.....	10.75
Rev. Mr. Thorburn, Bermuda.....	20.00

\$46.50

Amts. formerly acknowledged.....\$2792.55

Total amt. received to date.....\$2839.05

HOWARD PRIMROSE, *Treas.*

Pictou, May 22, 1865.